

Friday, September 5, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8837-S8876

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1150 and 1151. Page S8870

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs. (S. Rept. No. 105-73)

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Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the consent agreement of July 16, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 955, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 17, 1997. Further, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Stevens, Cochran, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd. Page S8869

Subsequently, Senate vitiated passage of S. 955, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Page S8869

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products. Pages S8837-69

Also, by 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. Pages S8839-40

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Monday, September 8, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Robert Charles Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. Page S8875

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total-220) Pages S8839-40

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:38 p.m., until 11 a.m., Monday, September 8, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8876.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from David Strauss, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Vice President Gore; and former Mayor Michael L. Mitoma, Carson, California.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 9.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marjorie O. Rendell, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, A. Richard Caputo, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Bruce C. Kauffman, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Richard A. Lazzara, to be United